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1. AT FORMAL BONN GROUP DISCUSSION ON JULY 2 OF CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE REGARDING FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM, ALL OF THE OTHER REPS STRONGLY TOOK POSITION THAT NO ALLIED COMMENT ON FRG MEMO WAS APPROPRIATE. BASED ON THESE STRONG FEELINGS OF THE OTHERS, US REP AGREED THAT "IF ASKED" PRESS LINE WOULD BE LIMITED TO STATEMENT THAT THE THREE ALLIES WERE AWARE OF THE FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM IN ADVANCE, BUT THAT NO COMMENT ON IT IS APPROPRIATE DUE TO ITS NATURE AS AN INTERNAL FRG PAPER. COMMENT: WE THINK THIS IS SATISFACTORY SINCE IT COULD BE INFERRED FROM THIS LINE THAT SINCE PAPER WAS KNOWN TO ALLIES BEFOREHAND, IT WAS NOT OBJECTED TO BY THEM.

2. REGARDING COMMENT B IN REFTTEL ON USE OF WORD "PLAN" IN FRG INTERNAL MEMORANDUM, WORD IN GERMAN TEXT IS "VORHABEN" WHICH IS MUCH BROADER THAN SIMPLE "PLAN" IN ENGLISH SINCE IT ALSO INCLUDES THE THOUGHT OF "INTENTIONS." WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT IS SATISFIED, AS WE ARE, WITH "VORHABEN."
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